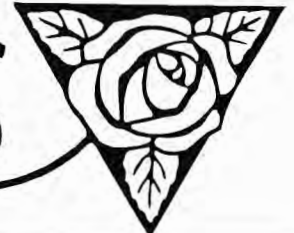




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"Some day, young man . . ."

Dr G A L W Krueger (left), may well have been uttering words along the lines of the above, on the occasion of his recent award for 25 years of service. The longest serving member of the German Department, he is photographed speaking to Mr Jens Aden, the Department's newest member. Mr Aden, who holds the equivalent of an MA degree from Göttingen University in Germany, has been appointed Lecturer.

Laptop computers available

The Dean of research has advised that Rhodes has purchased two Siemens 486 laptop computers with colour displays.

These will be reserved for the use of academic staff members during sabbatical and study leave.

One will be available for periods

of up to three months; its twin for up to half a year. Booking, on a first come first served basis, will be administered by the Director of Electronic Services who will control the allocation system and maintain the machines in good working order.

Basic treasurers' course offered

A basic course for community treasurers will be run again this year by the Centre for Social Development in conjunction with the University's Department of Accounting.

Professor Jeff Rowlands will run the course, which starts on October 18 and costs R10,00 per person. The

six one-hour sessions will end on November 5.

"The course is specially tailored for people who know little about fundamental financial procedures, with the stress on practical training", said Mrs Thelma Henderson, Director of the CSD.

The emphasis will be on basic practical matters, including receipts, preparing elementary records and financial statements and dealing with petty cash. Attendance certificates will be issued at the end of the course.

The course would be particularly

useful for treasurers of church groups, pre-schools, community organisations and clubs.

Those wishing to participate in the course, or requiring further information, should write to the CSD (19 Somerset Street) or telephone them at 2 4483.

Davenport Scholarship established

Rodney Davenport, who was Professor of History at Rhodes from 1975 to 1990, has generously donated a sum of money to establish a scholarship for Rhodes University History graduates.

It will, in the first instance, be open to those who either wish to enter History Honours or to embark on a Masters or PhD in History, at Rhodes.

Candidates should have obtained at least a high upper-second in History III (if entering Honours) or the same standard in Honours, if embarking on a Masters Degree. If there are no suitable candidates from Rhodes then graduates from other universities embarking on or

already engaged in study for their Masters or PhD at Rhodes will be considered.

The scholarship will be worth approximately R 2 500 annually. It will be held for one year but award holders may apply for the scholarship for a second time.

Applications, including a brief CV, should be submitted to the Head of the Department of History before 31 December.

Summit Report available

A report on the Summit has now been compiled. It includes the minutes of the three plenary sessions, documents made available at the Summit and summaries of each of the 12 parallel sessions.

It comprises 77 pages and has, as a result, been produced in limited numbers. Copies have been distributed to each of the various interest groups represented at the Summit, to all Deans' offices and to the library. Further copies are available on loan from the Vice-Principal's secretary.

Staff members should feel free to photocopy those sections of the report which are of interest to them.

"Marvellous birdsong and insect buzz"

A visiting librarian from Pietermaritzburg, who was in Grahamstown recently for last month's SAILIS conference, has sent a most complimentary letter to Mark Hazell, Manager of Grounds and Gardens.

Karin Herbert, writing from Pietermaritzburg,

mentions her gratitude for the marvellous gardens which she saw while visiting our campus and is especially appreciative of the fact that so many indigenous plants are to be found. As are, she is sure, the various birds and insects.

"It was marvellous", she says, "to walk

around the campus and be greeted by birdsong and insect buzz and the scent of bushes and shrubs laden with flowers. I was interested that many people I spoke to about the gardens thoroughly appreciated your work - I hope some of them tell you too!"

Letters to the Editor

Rhodos invites correspondence on all matters of concern to the University community. It is hoped that the contents of such letters, which should, ideally, not exceed 200 words in length, will indicate the wide spectrum of views held and will promote further discussion.

Obviously, the views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, nor of the University.

This section is as interesting as *you* make it. Let's hear from you! A pseudonym is acceptable, so long as you also supply your full name to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

WHAT IS FORECAST?

The Editor,

The cuckoo appears to be late this year!

I heard my first 'Piet-my-vrou' on Sunday, October 10, in the High Street. I have heard no others and I wonder whether any of your readers have?

May I also enquire whether anyone can say what is foretold by late cuckoos and rains delayed until the equinox?

R H J Buckland

'OLD DAYS' - WERE THEY REALLY THAT GOOD?

The Editor,

It's that time of the year again and thoughts of a secretary's *life in the good old days* came to mind in response to grumblings regarding the typing of exam papers, and office work in general.

Cast your minds back to the year 1958. Rhodes had been a full fledged independent University for seven years. Student numbers hovered around the 1 000 mark. Dr Thomas Alty was Vice-Chancellor and Mr Shields the registrar. These two gentlemen had their own secretarial backup, but departmental secretaries did not exist.

What did exist was a General Office, situated in what is now the Vice-Principal's office. This room accommodated four females - Mrs Kotze, known as the Chief Clerk; Pat Dugmore, Head Typist and two school-leavers, Anne and Yvonne. From this room were distributed all stationery requirements; it was somehow also the mail room and the tea room for administrative distaff!

Professors and lecturers wishing to dictate letters could either call at the General Office, select a typist and sit at the appropriate desk to have their utterances recorded or phone Mrs Kotze and ask for someone to be despatched to their own offices. For me this always

entailed finding a shorthand notebook, with enough empty pages to last two hours, and at least two freshly sharpened pencils. My own summons came invariably from the Physics Department where I could be certain of spending most of a morning with Prof Gledhill, who always had plenty for me to do.

Certain lecturers preferred to come to us; cheery Prof Gorg Gruber of the Music department and a very strange, gnome-like man whose name I have forgotten. From Psychology *, he always made a beeline for me; I groaned!

Our biggest chore was getting the exam papers out on time. After swearing to maintain total confidentiality, on oath in front of the Registrar, the four of us commenced typing all the papers, working throughout every day, Saturdays and Sunday included, until the papers were complete.

A daily challenge was to ensure that the mail was ready for delivery to the Post Office at 4 p.m. A small, temperamental and hand-operated franking machine instantly rejected any envelope it considered too fat and would, in its efforts toward sabotage, frequently run out of 'stamps'. It was one only of the various items of equipment which would be scorned today but from which emanated daily miracles. I had a manual Imperial museum piece of a typewriter which, I suspect, had been in the Head Typist's cubby-hole since 1904. The telephone behind my head on the wall had to be energetically cranked to alert the Registrar to his incoming calls - but used to succumb to gravity if not lovingly treated. No photocopyers meant the use of up to seven extra pieces of flimsy with interleaved carbons being force-fed into typewriters. To make no mistakes was a good thing; it obviated holes in flimsies caused by rubbing them out.

After a break of some years, I returned to Rhodes in 1973, and to sheer bliss! Almost every

Valuable collection on public display

The East London Museum has made a valuable and fascinating collection of beadwork available on loan to the Anthropology Department.

The exhibition, which is open to the public as well as to staff and students at Rhodes, may be seen during office hours, including the lunch hour, at the Department's museum in Selwyn Castle on Prince Alfred Street.

While the exhibition has been designed primarily for the benefit of students of anthropology there is much of interest to everyone and it is well worth a visit.

Worth approximately R 40 000, the collection illustrates beadwork and applications from the early part of the century until the current time and has items of great historic value as well as modern commercial work designed as curios.

Beads and beadwork were designed to be both worn and used for other purposes. Designs indicate the status of the wearer and vary considerably depending on the sex of the person and his or her position in the community. The collection includes some dancing staves, ornately decorated.

The material is mainly representative of the Eastern Cape and Border areas and it tells fascinating stories and legends in a visually beautiful way.

Staff of the Department believe that the exhibition will be a significant draw card to staff and students as well as to residents of and visitors to Grahamstown.

department had one secretary - or half of one at least and there were electric golfball machines, photocopyers and proper, cupboard-lined offices.

1984 saw my move to the English Department, behind an array of hardware and lacking the knowledge of how to operate any of it. Jennifer, by five months my senior in the department came to my help and taught me to love and appreciate my PC and its satellite printers.

So, ladies, when you're feeling tired and tiresome, think back to those *good old days*, and rejoice.

** I apologise for this unintended slur. But he was very strange and he did work in Psychology.*

Pat Papenfus.

This letter has been edited.

Congratulations...

to Brian and Cheryl Gardner whose son, Joel Brian, was born on October 10th.

Also to the proud grandparents, Eric and Elaine Tasmer.

Dennis and Moira Wiblin's daughter, Cheryl, has become engaged to Gerhard Fischer - our congratulations are due here too.

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Contributions sought for E. Cape anthology



Robert Berold (second from left) with members of his editorial team, discussing contributions to the East Cape Schools Poetry Anthology. They are (left) Austen Poulten, Grahamstown poet and co-editor Alan Finlay (right) and Sean Grogan.

Young poets have been invited to contribute work to an East Cape Schools Poetry Anthology, to be published early next year by Grahamstown's Institute for the Study of English in Africa. The original closing date has been extended to 1 December.

In the words of the co-editors, Alan Finlay and Simphiwe Sesanti: "Poetry, if it is to stay alive, needs to be read and written by young people. Times are changing fast in South Africa and young people have much insight about what is going on around them. They have often much to teach the older generation. A number of schools poetry workshops held over the past year have shown the depth and talent of poets in East Cape schools, ranging from the introspective to the overtly political".

Finlay and Sesanti, who are both poets, have extended the closing date to allow those pupils who may not have heard of the anthology through their schools to send

material directly to the Institute where it will be considered for inclusion. It is suggested that poets, who should be attending secondary school in the Eastern Cape, send in not more than five poems.

The editors say that they would prefer poems unedited and uncorrected by teachers, selected by the pupils themselves. "We are interested in originality and vitality, and even 'bad' poetry has its place".

Early in 1994 there will be a publication launch and poetry reading to which all contributors will be invited. Those whose work is published will each receive a complimentary copy of the anthology, as will their schools.

Young scholars who wish to offer their work for publication should send their poems, which should be typed or neatly handwritten, to the East Cape Schools Poetry Anthology at the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, Rhodes University, 6140 Grahamstown.

Social Work degree course moving to East London

Rhodes plans to phase in courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Social Science (Social Work) at its East London Division, from the beginning of next year.

Next year, Social Work I will be offered both in Grahamstown and East London and, from 1995, the degree will be offered only at the East London Division.

"It was felt that the potential for development of our Social Work courses would be greater in East London than in Grahamstown, because the pool of potential

students in that area is large", said Prof Geoff Antrobus, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science.

"Social work courses at postgraduate level have been offered in East London for some time, and we welcome this expansion in the options offered to students in this area", said Dr Steve Fourie, Director of the Rhodes East London Division. "This will enable us to broaden our service to the local community".

Changes to Pension Fund membership

A joint agreement between the University and NEHAWU will see some changes come into effect insofar as pension fund membership by certain Service Staff members is concerned.

All Service Staff members except those employed in the residences, the Rhodes Club and the Rhodes Union are affected.

Existing Service Staff members may choose to resign from the

Associated Institutions Pension Fund and join the Rhodes University Staff Provident Fund, once it has been established. In future, new Service Staff members will automatically join the provident fund.

The University and the individual staff members will contribute 10% and 5% respectively of the gross salary, excluding the service bonus, to the Provident Fund.

German expert visits Institute

An internationally-known German expert on electro-communication in fishes, Professor Bernd Kramer, is visiting the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology to study African fishes in their own environment.

Professor Kramer, of the University of Regensburg, Bavaria, studies the electric organ discharge of certain fishes, including some African species. Because most of his studies are based in his laboratory in Germany, he contacted the JLB Smith Institute, to arrange for him to conduct research in the field.

During his time in southern Africa, Professor Kramer joined a team from the Rand Afrikaans University and the Department of Nature Conservation of Namibia on a visit to the Caprivi, where he was able to collect and record the electric discharges from no fewer than seven species of fishes.

None of these fishes has been studied in this way previously and the information is therefore of major interest to local and international scientists.

"Some of the results have been very surprising, and we eagerly await the full analyses, which will be done in Germany", said Dr Paul Skelton, Curator of Freshwater Fishes at the Institute.

Professor Kramer also accompanied Dr Skelton and Mr Desmond Weeks, of Rhodes University, on a trip to the eastern Transvaal to study a further electrogenic fish species. He was successful in obtaining a specimen and making electric discharge recordings, which will help solve a taxonomic problem with this species.

Professor Kramer hopes to make further research visits to the Institute.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION



Ashtons Art Gallery Exhibition Pro Carmine Choir Carvery Supper

are the ingredients for a cultural evening to be held on Friday 29 October

at 12 Milner St. and the Andrean Club in aid of St. John. Tickets at R30 each available from the Centre, Tel. 2 5670 or Mrs J. Holmes Tel. 31 8400 or 2 3000 a.h. Booking (by 25th) includes the possibility of winning a painting.

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WHAT'S ON?

Saturday 23 October

Cricket

RU1 vs OGTECH • Away
RU2 vs Port Alfred
• Prospect Field

Sunday 24 October

RU1 vs Union
• Away
Oppie video
• Arts Major. 19:30

Monday 25 - Friday 29 October

SWOT WEEK

Tuesday 26 October

The East Cape Centre of the Royal Society of South Africa presents the Annual Schonland Memorial Lecture by Professor Mike Bruton, FRSSAF, on *The importance of creativity in Science*.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

• Chemistry Minor. 19:00

Sunday 31 October

Oppie video
• Arts Major. 19:30

Monday 1 November

End of Year examinations begin

Wednesday 10 November

Concert with the Rhodes Trio
• 19:30 Beethoven Auditorium

Building for sale

The Hermann Ohlthaver Institute for Aeronomy has relocated its research equipment in a building in the former Tick Research station.

As a result, their pre-fabricated building at Waainek, which is surrounded by a concrete security wall, may now be re-allocated. Both building and wall may be moved, if required. Anyone interested in inspecting the building with a view to utilisation should contact Dr A W V Poole, in the Department of Physics.

The building is currently the property of HOIA with which institute some financial agreement would have to be entered into. Any person or department wishing to bid for either or both building and wall should contact the Estates Division with brief details of intended usage. The successful purchaser will probably be required to bear and costs incurred in dismantling, transportation and re-erection.

Bridging Project - Part-time co-ordinator sought for 1994

GRATEP, the Grahamstown Tertiary Education Bridging Project, is a school with its own examination centre and an emphasis on post-matric development. Its administration is based in Community Outreach at Rhodes.

Subject to funds being available, Community Outreach will appoint a Part-time Co-ordinator for GRATEP for the period January-November 1994. The salary will be negotiable. (25 hours a week, 11 month contract)

Main duties:

To see to the day-to-day needs of GRATEP; to liaise with DET; to develop/maintain channels of communication with local formal and informal education structures; To organise enrichment programmes; to assist students in problems ranging from academic to social.

Job requirements:

A university background; knowledge of Xhosa; interest in education; organisational skills

Application

If you are interested in applying, please leave a short CV including two references and contact details with Priscilla Hall, Community Outreach, c/o Linguistics Department.

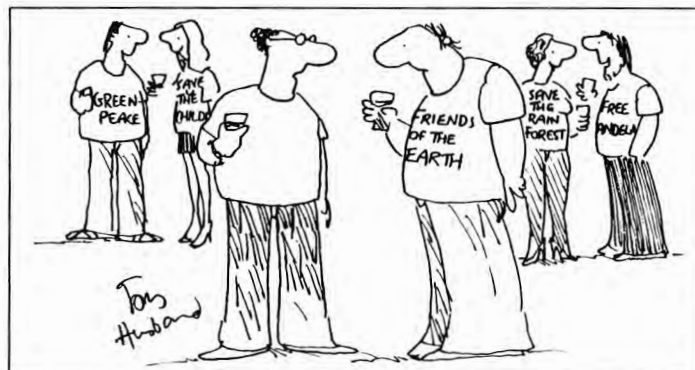
Inaugural lecture delivered



Professor Malcolm Sainsbury, Head of the Department of Information Systems, delivered his inaugural lecture late last month and is photographed here with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, shortly before speaking.

Professor Sainsbury joined Rhodes in 1981 and was responsible for initiating the Business Information Systems subject area. He holds a BSc degree *cum laude* from UNISA and an MSc from the University of Bath. He has been Head of the Department of Information Systems since July, 1990.

The subject of his inaugural lecture was 'Information Systems and Creative Responses'.



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